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# ACT No. 293

HOUSE BILL NO. 522

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOBBY BADON, ARMES, AUBERT, BILLIOT, HENRY BURNS, DIXON, GISCLAIR, GUINN, HOWARD, SAM JONES, MONTOUCET, AND POPE AND SENATORS ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, HEITMEIER, MCPHERSON, AND SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.139 and 463.140, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license  
3 plates; to provide for the creation and issuance of such plates; to provide for the  
4 design of such plates; to provide relative to the fee and application of the fee for such  
5 plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.139 and 463.140 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.139. Special prestige license plate; Protect Wild Dolphins

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
11 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Protect  
12 Wild Dolphins" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
13 such plates. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup  
14 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

15 B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
16 of Louisiana, in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

17 C. The secretary shall design the plates, which shall bear the dolphin logo  
18 and slogan "Protect Wild Dolphins". The license plate shall be designed in  
19 consultation with EarthEcho International, Incorporated.

20 D. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
21 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
22 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and a

1 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents to be retained by the department to offset  
2 a portion of administrative costs.

3 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
4 to EarthEcho International, Incorporated for use of the group's logo. The monies  
5 received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the support of scientific  
6 research, conservation, and educational programs that serve to restore and protect the  
7 ocean environment and freshwater systems and to protect wild dolphins by  
8 EarthEcho International, Incorporated. Twenty-five percent of the funds may be  
9 utilized for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate and cause.

10 F. The purpose of such plate is to recognize and support the many  
11 contributions to environmental protection by EarthEcho International, Incorporated.

12 G. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
13 implement the provisions of this Section.

14 §463.140. Special prestige license plate; Grand Lodge of the state of Louisiana, F  
15 & AM

16 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
17 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate, to be known as the Grand  
18 Lodge of the state of Louisiana, F&AM, hereinafter referred to as the "organization",  
19 plate, subject to the provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted  
20 to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and  
21 design of the license plate shall be selected by the Grand Master of the organization  
22 or his designee, shall contain the organization's logo, and shall otherwise be in  
23 compliance with the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

24 B. The prestige license plate shall be issued upon application, to any member  
25 in good standing of the organization.

26 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
27 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
28 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and a  
29 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the department  
30 to offset administrative costs.

1                   D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
2                   to the organization. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely  
3                   for the contribution to charities.

4                   E. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the organization  
5                   in accordance with the provisions of this Section when all of the following  
6                   conditions are met:

7                   (1) All necessary contracts regarding use of the organization's logo have  
8                   been executed.

9                   (2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications for  
10                  the license plate.

11                  F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to  
12                  implement the provisions of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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